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Topic: Diagnosing data problems in database

Novelty: using the SQL Commands "With" and "Outer Join" in preparing the test queries.

See attached East search history.

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File 350:Derwent WPIX 1963-2005/UD,UM &UP=200552

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S1	1307	SQL OR STRUCTURED() QUERY() LANGUAGE
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XRPX Acc No: N02-549556

Query processing method in database system, involves transforming original query into transformed query by including predicate of outer join operation into view such that transformed query is equivalent to original query

Patent Assignee: ORACLE CORP (ORAC-N)

Inventor: WITKOWSKI A

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 6438541	B1	20020820	US 99246722	A	19990209	200275 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99246722 A 19990209

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 6438541	B1	12		G06F-017/30	

Abstract (Basic): US 6438541 B1

NOVELTY - An original query containing an outer join operation of a view formed with a database object, is converted into a transformed query by including a predicate of the outer join operation into the view such that the transformed query is equivalent to the original query.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for computer-readable medium storing query processing program.

USE - For query processing in computer database system.

ADVANTAGE - Processes queries with outer joined views efficiently by performing excellent index scans. Avoids performing full table scan operation by reducing the portion of tables joined in view for a scanning operation. Restricts the view tables to acquire a more efficient access path. Processes queries involving outer joined views, to reduce query response time. Estimates cost for original and transformed queries to select efficiently performing query.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the flowchart explaining the query processing operation.

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Title Terms: QUERY; PROCESS; METHOD; DATABASE ; SYSTEM; TRANSFORM; ORIGINAL; QUERY; TRANSFORM; QUERY; OUTER; JOIN; OPERATE; VIEW; TRANSFORM; QUERY; EQUIVALENT; ORIGINAL; QUERY

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 2001-059520/200107  
XRPX Acc No: N01-044405

Incremental refresh performing method for materialized view in database management systems, involves deleting rows, that are attained by combining specific rows with changed rows of selected table

Patent Assignee: ORACLE CORP (ORAC-N)

Inventor: DIAS K; WITKOWSKI A

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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US 6125360 A 20000926 US 98109115 A 19980702 200107 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 98109115 A 19980702

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes  
US 6125360 A 24 G06F-017/30

Abstract (Basic): US 6125360 A

NOVELTY - The base table of materialized view is established as selected table. The row (Tj) which is processed, is combined with both changed and unchanged rows of selected table. The rows that are attached due to combining of changed rows of selected table with Tj in materialized view is deleted, and the rows in which Tj combines with unchanged rows of selected table is left.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The base table of a materialized view is established as a selected table. If the selected table is the right table of outer join, the materialized view is updated to reflect deletions to selected table by processing each row (Tj), that combines with changed row of selected table. If Tj combines in materialized view with changed rows of selected table, then the rows containing Tj in materialized view is removed and replaced with a row in which selected columns are set to NULL. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) database system;
- (b) incremental refresh program

USE - For maintenance of materialized views that contain one-to-N lossless joins in database management system.

ADVANTAGE - Since the incremental refresh technique does not require information about the order of updates to the base tables, the overhead associated with maintaining sequencing information is avoided. Since the technique is idempotent in performing an incremental refresh N-times on the same data, after a system crash, the incremental refresh operation is restarted from the beginning without taking into account how far the operation had progressed prior to the crash.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the flowchart that illustrates the incremental refresh operation.

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Title Terms: INCREMENT; REFRESH; PERFORMANCE; METHOD; VIEW; DATABASE; MANAGEMENT; SYSTEM; DELETE; ROW; ATTAIN; COMBINATION; SPECIFIC; ROW; CHANGE; ROW; SELECT; TABLE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1999-571522/199948

XRPX Acc No: N99-421166

Full outer join specification method using SQL for relational database management system

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )

Inventor: CHENG J M; LEUNG T Y; PIRAHESH M H

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5963933	A	19991005	US 97882027	A	19970625	199948 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 97882027 A 19970625

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes  
US 5963933 A 18 G06F-017/30

Abstract (Basic): US 5963933 A

NOVELTY - The tuples of two tables are joined by union of a left outer join with a right outer join lesser than matched tuples from right outer join, using a full outer join. The join condition is free from restrictions of type of join conditions specified.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A data processor stores data in the form of two tables each defining an operand, which is retrievable by query language. The join condition is selected from the set of comparison operators like IS NULL, LIKE, EQUALS, DOES NOT EQUAL, IS GREATER THAN, IS LESS THAN, IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO, IS LESSER THAN OR EQUAL TO. The comparison operators are combined with logical operators such as AND, OR, and NOT. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a full outer join specification apparatus.

USE - For relational database management system.

ADVANTAGE - The method enables the use of a modified merge join to implement full outer join which enables the use of arbitrary join conditions other than the equality predicate. A full outer join is implemented with any join condition without any new runtime operators.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows flow chart of implementing full outer join with any join condition.

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Title Terms: FULL; OUTER; JOIN; SPECIFICATION; METHOD; SQL ; RELATED; DATABASE ; MANAGEMENT; SYSTEM

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1999-243506/199920

Related WPI Acc No: 1997-424533; 1998-041605

XRPX Acc No: N99-181243

Expression keyset identification method for generating unique properties of intermediate query sub-expressions

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )

Inventor: BHARGAVA G; GOEL P; IYER B R

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5890148	A	19990330	US 94366560	A	19941230	199920 B
			US 95460561	A	19950602	
			US 97986791	A	19971208	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 94366560 A 19941230; US 95460561 A 19950602; US 97986791 A 19971208

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5890148	A	24	G06F-017/30		Div ex application US 94366560 Cont of application US 95460561 Div ex patent US 5659728 Cont of patent US 5696960

Abstract (Basic): US 5890148 A

NOVELTY - A set (S3) is generated and defined as a keyset (R) if binary operator is right outer - join, predicate is equi- join and attributes common to schema of both predicate and left portion which are in keyset (L), otherwise the set (S3) is defined as an empty set.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The keyset (L) and keyset (R) are

identified. Each element in keyset (L) is concatenated with each element in keyset (R) to generate a set (S1). A set (S2) is generated and defined as a keyset (L) if binary operator is a left **outer - join**, predicate is equi-join and attributes common to schema of both predicate and right portion which are in keyset (R), otherwise the set (S2) is defined as an empty set. The keyset (e) is defined as equal to union of S1, S2 and S3 such that keyset (e)=S1US2US3. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for computer program product.

USE - For generating unique properties of intermediate query sub-expressions to optimize SQL query.

ADVANTAGE - Determines unique properties of expression so that queries containing **outer - join** operations can be optimized.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows operational flow diagram of uniqueness processing.

Set (S1-S3)  
Keyset (R, L)  
PP; 24 DwgNo 9/10

Title Terms: EXPRESS; IDENTIFY; METHOD; GENERATE; UNIQUE; PROPERTIES;

INTERMEDIATE; QUERY; SUB; EXPRESS

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1999-180316/199915

Related WPI Acc No: 1998-120258; 1999-131663; 1999-561266

XRPX Acc No: N99-132469

Reordering method of complex structured query language (SQL)  
queries for database management

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )

Inventor: GOEL P; IYER B R

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5875447	A	19990223	US 96655300	A	19960530	199915 B
			US 97904517	A	19970801	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 96655300 A 19960530; US 97904517 A 19970801

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5875447	A	19	G06F-017/30	Cont of application US 96655300
				Cont of patent US 5713015

Abstract (Basic): US 5875447 A

NOVELTY - A query accepted into computer is simplified by replacing first expression with a second expression.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for the following:

(a) an apparatus for simplifying query;  
(b) an article of manufacture comprising computer program carrier for query simplification.

USE - For reordering queries involving GROUPBYS, joins, **outer joins** and full **outer joins** used in management of database in electronic storage device.

ADVANTAGE - Eliminates redundant sub-expressions and modifies expensive binary operations to inexpensive binary operations, thereby converting complex predicates to simple predicates.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure represents flowchart illustrating method of optimizing SQL queries.

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Title Terms: METHOD; COMPLEX; STRUCTURE; QUERY; LANGUAGE; SQL ; QUERY;  
DATABASE ; MANAGEMENT  
Derwent Class: T01  
International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30  
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WPI Acc No: 1999-095214/199908  
Related WPI Acc No: 1998-062623  
XRPX Acc No: N99-069276  
SQL query simplification method for database management system -  
involves replacing expression in query with another specific expression  
after inputting it to computer  
Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )  
Inventor: BHARGAVA G; GOEL P; IYER B R  
Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001  
Patent Family:  
Patent No Kind Date Applicat No Kind Date Week  
US 5855012 A 19981229 US 95373562 A 19950117 199908 B  
US 97904414 A 19970731

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 95373562 A 19950117; US 97904414 A  
19970731

Patent Details:  
Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes  
US 5855012 A 31 G06F-017/30 Cont of application US 95373562  
Cont of patent US 5701454

Abstract (Basic): US 5855012 A  
The method involves accepting the query in a computer. The  
expression in the query is replaced with another specific expression.  
USE - For main frame, minicomputer or PC.  
ADVANTAGE - Simplifies query by transforming outer join  
operations to less expensive joins.

Dwg.4/5

Title Terms: SQL ; QUERY; SIMPLIFY; METHOD; DATABASE ; MANAGEMENT; SYSTEM  
; REPLACE; EXPRESS; QUERY; SPECIFIC; EXPRESS; AFTER; INPUT; COMPUTER  
Derwent Class: T01  
International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30  
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WPI Acc No: 1998-568202/199848  
XRPX Acc No: N98-442090  
SQL query processing method in relational database management system  
- involves converting outer join operation created by decorrelation  
processing into correlated scalar derived table with COALESCE function  
Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )  
Inventor: JOU M M; LEUNG T Y; PIRAHESH M H  
Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001  
Patent Family:  
Patent No Kind Date Applicat No Kind Date Week  
US 5822750 A 19981013 US 97884868 A 19970630 199848 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 97884868 A 19970630

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5822750	A			32 G06F-017/30	

Abstract (Basic): US 5822750 A

The method involves receiving a correlated subquery from user. A correlation processing is performed on the SQL statement and a decorrelated subquery is produced. The query processor checks whether any outer join operation is created by the decorrelation process.

When an outer join operation is judged to be created, the correlation bindings in the outer join operation is obtained from the correlation source. The created outer join operation is converted into a correlated scalar derived table with a COALESCE function.

ADVANTAGE - Optimises correlated derived table evaluation without accessing any base tables. Eliminates table access operations in evaluation of query. Increases efficiency. Eliminates join operation generated by decorrelation process thereby increasing operating efficiency of system.

Dwg.10/19

Title Terms: SQL ; QUERY; PROCESS; METHOD; RELATED; DATABASE ; MANAGEMENT ; SYSTEM; CONVERT; OUTER; JOIN; OPERATE; PROCESS; CORRELATE; SCALE; DERIVATIVE; TABLE; COALESCE; FUNCTION

Index Terms/Additional Words: RDBMS

Derwent Class: T01

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WPI Acc No: 1998-178891/199816

Related WPI Acc No: 1997-526038; 1998-062624; 1998-297311; 1998-609847

XRPX Acc No: N98-141596

Re-ordering complex SQL queries containing joins, outer and full outer joins - enumerating all required sets that identify constraints on associative re-orderings of relations using hyper-edges generated between nodes corresp to left outer join, right outer join, or full outer join

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )

Inventor: BHARGAVA G; GOEL P; IYER B R

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5724568	A	19980303	US 94326461	A	19941020	199816 B
			US 95464268	A	19950605	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 94326461 A 19941020; US 95464268 A 19950605

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5724568	A		27	G06F-017/30	Div ex application US 94326461

Abstract (Basic): US 5724568 A

The query is first translated into a hyper-graph representation. Required sets, conflict sets and preserved sets are then generated for the query hyper-graph. Using the required sets, plans are enumerated. The plans represent associative re-orderings of relations in the query. SQL operators are selectively assigned to each of the enumerated plans using the conflict sets and/or preserved sets, so that the results from the plans are identical to the original query.

A novel Modified General Outer Join (MGOJ) operator is assigned

to the root of a sub-tree. The MGOJ operator is a compensation operator. The operator assignment is performed recursively for the root of each sub-tree in the plan. One of the enumerated plans, generally the most optimal, is then selected for execution.

ADVANTAGE - Improved execution time with optimal ordering of SQL queries. Identifies and provides enhanced set of re-orderings for optimisation.

Dwg.1/11

Title Terms: ORDER; COMPLEX; SQL ; QUERY; CONTAIN; JOIN; OUTER; FULL; OUTER; JOIN; REQUIRE; SET; IDENTIFY; CONSTRAIN; ASSOCIATE; RELATED; HYPER ; EDGE; GENERATE; NODE; CORRESPOND; LEFT; OUTER; JOIN; RIGHT; OUTER; JOIN ; FULL; OUTER; JOIN

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

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WPI Acc No: 1998-062623/199806

Related WPI Acc No: 1999-095214

XRPX Acc No: N98-049325

SQL query simplification for relational database query system - involves calculating strong predicate set to replace full, left or right outer joins with transformation applied to query producing efficient operations

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC )

Inventor: BHARGAVA G; GOEL P; IYER B R

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5701454	A	19971223	US 95373562	A	19950117	199806 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 95373562 A 19950117

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main	IPC	Filing Notes
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US 5701454	A	29		G06F-017/30		
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Abstract (Basic): US 5701454 A

The query simplification method involves calculating a strong set of predicates typically being a selection or join predicate which is null-intolerant. The strong set of attributes is used to select and replace a full, left, or right outer join operation found as the operand of an intersection operation in the query. A less expensive outer or inner join replaces the selected join and the process is repeated until no further simplification if possible.

Inferences are propagated from one operand to the other of an intersection operation. Selection operators are applied through transitive closure to reduce the size of intermediate results. The transformations are applied to the query to produce a set of operations that perform more efficiently than that of the original query while providing the same results.

ADVANTAGE - Simplification method works for queries involving (full) outer join operators, intersection operators and join operators.

Dwg.4/5

Title Terms: SQL ; QUERY; SIMPLIFY; RELATED; DATABASE ; QUERY; SYSTEM; CALCULATE; STRONG; SET; REPLACE; FULL; LEFT; RIGHT; OUTER; JOIN; TRANSFORM; APPLY; QUERY; PRODUCE; EFFICIENCY; OPERATE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

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WPI Acc No: 1997-526038/199748  
Related WPI Acc No: 1998-062624; 1998-178891; 1998-297311; 1998-609847  
XRPX Acc No: N97-438446  
SQL query re-ordering method for RDBMS - involves generating sets containing real attributes with operators assigned to enumerated plans for query using conflict sets  
Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBM) C  
Inventor: BHARGAVA G; GOEL P; IYER B R  
Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001  
Patent Family:  
Patent No Kind Date Applcat No Kind Date Week  
US 5680603 A 19971021 US 94326461 A 19941020 199748 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 94326461 A 19941020

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes  
US 5680603 A 29 G06F-017/30

Abstract (Basic): US 5680603 A

The SQL query reordering method involves generating one or more required sets (p) for the query Q in the memory of the computer. The required set (p) comprises V1, Vr, sch (p) is a set of real attributes, V1=sch (p) AND gate T1, and Vr=sch (p) AND gate Tr, so that the required set (p) contains relations that must be in T1 and Tr before T1 and Tr can be combined. One or more plans T are enumerated for the query Q using the required sets (p). The enumerated plans T represent associative re-orderings of relations in the query Q. T1 and Tr are combined to form T=T1. Tr provided that there are no common relations between T1 and Tr. A total number of relations in T1 and Tr is the same as a total number of relations in T.

All relations in V1 are in T1 and all relations in Vr are in Tr when predicate p is associated with an outer join operation. A conflict set Cs for a first operator in the query Q is generated when a relation referenced in the predicate for the first operator is also referenced in a null-supplying side of a second operator in the query Q. Operators are selectively assigned to each of the enumerated plans T for the query Q using the conflict set Cs, so that the results from the plans T are identical to the query Q.

ADVANTAGE - Optimises complex SQL join queries to improve execution time.

Dwg.4/11

Title Terms: SQL ; QUERY; ORDER; METHOD; GENERATE; SET; CONTAIN; REAL; ATTRIBUTE; OPERATE; ASSIGN; PLAN; QUERY; CONFLICT; SET

Derwent Class: T01

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WPI Acc No: 1997-258537/199723  
XRPX Acc No: N97-213868  
Computer system for creating and storing resultant database using ANSI-92 SQL outer join protocol - has second memory device which is coupled to central processing unit and has push-pop stack area and

storage area for nodes  
Patent Assignee: DAVID M M (DAVI-I)

Inventor: DAVID M M

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5625812	A	19970429	US 94339454	A	19941114	199723 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 94339454 A 19941114

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5625812	A	10		G06F-017/30	

Abstract (Basic): US 5625812 A

The system includes a central processing unit with a first memory storage device containing at least a first normalised, relational database. A second memory device coupled to the central processing unit, has a push-pop stack area and a storage area for nodes.

The first memory device has a set of instructions for controlling the central processing unit to parse the outer join protocol statement into a number of tokens for execution by the central processing unit in accord with the grammar, syntax and semantics, of ANSI-92 SQL2 outer join protocol for controlling the actions of the central processing unit. The tokens from the outer join statement are sequentially parsed to identify if the token being parsed is a table name, join type (left or right), or a join condition.

ADVANTAGE - Increases accuracy and efficiency of central processing units operation.

Dwg.2/3

Title Terms: COMPUTER; SYSTEM; STORAGE; RESULT; DATABASE ; OUTER; JOIN; PROTOCOL; SECOND; MEMORY; DEVICE; COUPLE; CENTRAL; PROCESS; UNIT; PUSH; POP; STACK; AREA; STORAGE; AREA; NODE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

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XRPX Acc No: N95-234268

Relational data base contg number of tables qualification performing - establishing range variable processing order, which resolves processing ambiguities both in ordering range variables and eliminates false roots

Patent Assignee: HUGHES AIRCRAFT CO (HUGA )

Inventor: DEPREZ D

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5423035	A	19950606	US 92996305	A	19921223	199540 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 92996305 A 19921223

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5423035	A	13		G06F-017/30	

Abstract (Basic): US 5423035 A

The method involves establishing a user query as to a set of tables. followed by reducing the user query into component joins in the form of f(A) join f(B), or constant join f(A), wherein f(A) represents a function upon the fields of a table A and f(B) represents a function upon the fields of a table B.

The method also entails establishing a processing order for the tables, which is selected so as to be consistent with that required by any **outer - joins** in the user query, e.g. the first in order table comprises the root. Further it includes evaluating each component join to produce respective pointer table indexes.

**USE/ADVANTAGE** - In computerised relational data base. Speed up qualification processing of data base that eliminates needs for user defined index.

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Title Terms: RELATED; DATA; BASE; CONTAIN; NUMBER; TABLE; QUALIFY; PERFORMANCE; ESTABLISH; RANGE; VARIABLE; PROCESS; ORDER; RESOLUTION; PROCESS; AMBIGUOUS; ORDER; RANGE; VARIABLE; ELIMINATE; FALSE; ROOT

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Extending semantics of outer join operator for un-nesting queries to relational database - converting inner query to first un-nested query by removing first predicate and modifying count aggregate function, and converting outer query to second un-nested query and modifying second predicate

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The semantics of the **outer join** operator are extended to permit the application of different predicates to the join tuples and the anti-join tuples. For un-nesting of nested query blocks, the anti-join tuples, for example, are associated with a count value of zero instead of a count value of null. An inner query block is un-nested from an outer query block by converting the inner query to a first un-nested query generating a temporary relation and converting the outer query block to a second un-nested query receiving the precomputed temporary relation.

When the nested inner query has an equi-join predicate joining a relation of the inner query to an outer query and a count aggregate, the query blocks are un-nested by removing the equi-join predicate from the inner query and placing a corresponding conjunctive (left) **outer - join** predicate term in the predicate of the outer query, performing the count aggregate for each distinct value of the joining attribute of the relation of the inner query, and in the outer query applying different predicates to the joining and anti-joining tuples such that the predicate of the anti-joining tuples is evaluated assuming a count value of zero.

ADVANTAGE - Efficient.

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Title Terms: EXTEND; OUTER; JOIN; OPERATE; NEST; QUERY; RELATED; DATABASE; CONVERT; INNER; QUERY; FIRST; NEST; QUERY; REMOVE; FIRST; MODIFIED;

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Data processing system for execution of outer join operations -  
responds to values in selected set of columns of outer table, to  
determine number of responsible regions of inner table

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The system has a device for storing tables consisting of a number of tuples having multiple columns. An outer join operation is preferred on two such tables, one table being an inner table and the other an outer. The outer table is ordered or indexed in a sorted sequence on a selected set of columns.

A device, responsive to values in the selected set of columns, determine a number of responsibility regions in the inner table such that every tuple in the inner table belongs to one and only one region. The tuples of the inner table are processed in each responsibility region by outputting all tuples which belong to the region.

ADVANTAGE - Is capable of outputting all tuples of inner table in output of join operation without requiring sorting of inner table.


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